

VETO MESSAGE.

August 11, 1876.<sup>46</sup>

*To Hon. T. R. Bonner, Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Sir: I return herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 419, being "An Act to establish an agricultural and mechanical college of Texas, for the benefit of the colored youth, and to make appropriations therefor," and respectfully ask its reconsideration.

The second section of this bill contains the following provision:

"The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a commission, consisting of three competent persons, who shall select a suitable place for the location of said agricultural and mechanical college; and said commissioners shall report to the Governor on or before the first day of October, 1876."

The fourth section is in these words:

"The said commissioners shall proceed to make selection of said location, and report the same to the Governor within ninety days after adjournment of this Legislature."

The two sections are directly and palpably repugnant to each other, and, of course, are so through inadvertence.

I recommend that the fourth section be retained, and so much of the second as requires a report to the Governor, on or before the 1st of October, be stricken out. Ninety days is a little enough time for the selection.

The bill in all other respects meets my approval.

RICHARD COKE.

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<sup>46</sup>House Journal, 865.